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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 6, 2009, in connection with the above referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendments and reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.